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SUBJECT: SEYCHELLES AND CUBA ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

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1. SEYCHELLES MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TOURISM
HAS ISSUED FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE ON ESTABLISHMENT OF
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CUBA:

QUOTE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA, INSPIRED BY THE
WILL FOR CONSOLIDATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE EXISTING
FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND GUIDED
BY THE PRINCIPLES OF MUTUAL RESPECT, EQUALITY, TERRITORIAL
INTEGRITY AND NON-ALIGNMENT HAVE DECIDED TO ESTABLISH
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT EMBASSY LEVEL BEGINNING FROM
APRIL 12, 1978. UNQUOTE

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2. ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS FOLLOWS VISIT TO SEYCHELLES
BY CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO MADAGASCAR LAURENO CARDOSO (REPORTED
REFTEL). AT APRIL 17 PRESS CONFERENCE, PRESIDEN RENE
RESPONDED TO QUESTION ON SEYCHELLES-CUBAN RELATIONS BY
SAYING SEYCHELLES IS NON-ALIGNED COUNTRY AND HAS ENTERED
INTO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SOCIALIST, NON-SOCIALIST
AND OTHER NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES. HE ADDED THAT SEYCHELLES

"HAS NO PREFERENCE EITHER FOR OR AGAINST CUBA". IN
PUBLICIZED COMMENTS TO INDEPENDENT WEEKEND LIFE REPORTER,
FOREIGN MINISTER GUY SINON STRESSED THAT BOTH CUBA AND
SEYCHELLES ARE TROPICAL COUNTRIES AND "WE CAN LEARN A LOT
FROM THEM...PARTICULARLY ON THE ECONOMIC LEVEL...".
MINISTER SINON REPORTEDLY ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE NEXT
MEETING OF HEADS OF STATE OF THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES
IS TO BE HELD IN HAVANA.
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